

**GENERAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (GEAC) MEETING  
MINUTES  
April 29, 2022**

**Present: Deni Blum, Evan Davis, Brandt Gardner, Haridas, Heitz, Michael Holmes, Kelva Hunger, Apple Igrek, Amy Martindale, Tammy Mix, Haley Murphy, Marianna Patrauchan, Lex Washington, Clyde Wilson, and Chris Francisco (Chair).**

**Members suggest highlighting any revisions made to resubmitted syllabi.**

**1. General Education Designations – New**

**ENGL 4230** – Disability and Literature, requests the H and D designations, one-time only, effective Fall 2022.

**Description:** Readings on topics such as gender, race, ethnicity, sexuality, disability, and class. Offered for fixed credit, 3 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours.

3/25/22 - Members tabled the H and D designations pending clarification of the writing assignment on the syllabus. The description on the syllabus is not specific in detailing the page numbers required and if there are 10-pages of required writing exclusive of journaling with the opportunity for students to receive feedback on writing assignments to be incorporated into subsequent assignments. Members could not tell from the syllabus if the course met the objectives for the H designation and requests a detailed course schedule on topics covered to assess that the course focus is on both the H and D designations.

Council will make final decision.

4/16/22 - Received revised syllabus.

4/29/22 - Members approved the H and D designations, one-time only, effective Fall 2022.

**GEOL 2990** - (Special Topics in Earth Science) Geology and Human Health, requests the N designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2022.

**Description:** Selected topics in Geoscience presented in lecture or seminar format.

Credit hours: 1-3 Contact hours: Lecture: 1-3 Contact: 1-3

Members approved the N designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2022.

**HONR 1000** – (Introductory Honors Topics) The Nature of Science, requests the N designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2022.

**Prerequisites:** Introductory Honors Topics.

**Description:** Introduction to topics in various disciplines by faculty from the undergraduate colleges for freshman and sophomore students in the University Honors College. Offered for variable credit, 1-3 credit hours, maximum of 12 credit hours.

Credit hours: 1-3 Contact hours: Contact: 1-3 Other: 1-3

Members felt that this is more of a methodology course than a class that teaches core scientific knowledge, a meta-science course that is somewhere between an N class and a philosophy of science course. They did not feel that the scientific content is sufficient to merit the N designation.

Members denied the N designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2022.

**HONR 1123** – The Art of Mindful Living, requests the H designation, effective Fall 2022.

**Prerequisites:** Honors College Participation.

**Description:** Meditation and mindfulness are becoming ever-more relevant and important in our busy modern world and life. This course presents the basics for both understanding and practicing mindfulness so to live a more peaceful and fulfilled life.

3/11/22 - Members tabled the H designation pending receipt of a syllabus inclusive of details regarding the writing requirements in that students are required to write at least a 5-page paper. Also needed, clarification on how the course meets the H designation requirements.

Council will make the final decision.

4/15/22 – Received revised syllabus.

4/29/22 - Members approved the H designation, effective Fall 2022.

**PHIL 3920** – Gender, Race, and Class in Healthcare, requests the H and D designations, one-time only, effective Summer 2022.

**Description:** Selected contemporary problems and discussions. Offered for fixed credit, 3 credit hours, maximum of 9 credit hours. Credit hours: 3 Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Members approved the H and D designations pending clarification on the syllabus that students *will* receive feedback on writing assignments to be incorporated in subsequent writing assignments.  
Chair will review revisions.

## 2. General Education Five-Year Review of the S, SD, SI, and I

**AGCM 3203** - Oral Communications in Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources, requests continuation of the S designation, effective Spring 2022.

Prerequisites: Student in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.

**Description:** Application of oral communications skills used in the dissemination of information related to agricultural sciences and natural resources, and related topics. Acquisition of interpersonal communications skills and small group, impromptu and professional presentation skills.

Credit hours: 3 Contact hours: Lecture: 2 Lab: 2 Contact: 4

2/18/22 - Members tabled continuation of the S designation pending clarification in the syllabus of the social and behavioral sciences methods.

- Students will understand the role of empirical observation using quantitative or qualitative methods in the social and behavioral sciences.

Revisions will be reviewed by Council.

4/25/22 – Received revised syllabus.

4/29/22 - Members approved continuation of the S designation, effective Spring 2022.

**ENGL 2443** - Languages of the World, requests continuation of the I designation, effective Spring 2022.

**Description:** A comprehensive survey of world languages. The essential structural and historical organization of languages. The process of language as a basic human function. Same course as FLL 2443.

Credit hours: 3 Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Members approved the I designation pending evidence on the course syllabus that at least half of the course content examines current/present day interactions of groups or cultures external to the U.S.

Chair will review revisions.

**HIST 4513** – American Economic History, requests continuation of the S designation, effective Spring 2022 (Crosslisted with ECON 3823 which is being deleted)

**Description:** Economic development and economic forces in American history; emphasis upon industrialization and its impact upon economic society since the Civil War. Same course as ECON 3823.

2/18/22 - Members tabled pending the S designation. It is not clear from the information on the syllabus if the course meets the writing requirements, number of pages on writing assignments and the opportunity for students to receive feedback on writing assignments to be incorporated in subsequent writing assignments. (Typically, discussion board posts or other less formal writing assignments would not count toward the writing requirements.) The syllabus was not specific in explaining how the course met the requirements for the S designation.

- Students will understand the role of empirical observation using quantitative or qualitative methods in the social and behavioral sciences.

Revisions will be reviewed by the Council.

4/7/22 – Received revised syllabus.

4/29/22 – Members asked for clarification of the S content on the syllabus. Clarification of student engagement and learning outcomes in relation to social and behavioral science. Members also wanted evidence on the

syllabus that students receive feedback on writing assignments to be incorporated in subsequent writing assignments.

Chair will review revisions.

**MKTG 3993** - International Business, requests continuation of the I designation, effective Spring 2022.

**Description:** Development of international business strategy based on the integration of economic, accounting, financial, management and marketing concepts. Previously offered as BADM 3713. Credit hours: 3 Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Members approved continuation of the I designation, effective Spring 2022.

**PSYC 1113** - Introductory Psychology, requests continuation of the S designation, effective Spring 2022.

**Description:** Principles, theories, vocabulary and applications of the science of psychology.

Credit hours: 3 Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Members approved the S designation pending clarification on the syllabus of the number of required pages of writing.

Chair will review revisions.

**PSYC 2583** - Developmental Psychology, requests continuation of the S designation, effective Spring 2022.

**Prerequisites:** [PSYC 1113](#).

**Description:** The nature of pertinent studies, causes, and theories of human developmental phenomena across the life span. Course previously offered as PSYC 3583.

Credit hours: 3 Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Members approved continuation of the S designation pending clarification on the syllabus of the number of required pages of writing.

Chair will review revisions

**PSYC 2743**- Social Psychology, requests continuation of the S designation, effective Spring 2022.

**Prerequisites:** [PSYC 1113](#).

**Description:** Theories and applications of social cognition, the self, pro-social and aggressive behavior, groups, attitudes and the environment. Course previously offered as PSYC 3743.

Credit hours: 3 Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Members approved continuation of the S designation, effective Spring 2022.

**PSYC 3033** - Psychology of Humor, requests continuation of the S designation, effective Spring 2022.

**Prerequisites:** [PSYC 1113](#).

**Description:** The course will examine theoretical perspective on the topic of humor, including cross-cultural and individual as well as the development of humor.

Credit hours: 3 Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Members approved continuation of the S designation, effective Spring 2022.

**PSYC 3343** - Black Psychology, requests continuation of the S and D designations, effective Spring 2022.

**Prerequisites:** [PSYC 1113](#).

**Description:** Students will gain an understanding of the psychology of African Americans drawing upon African and American cultures and perspectives. The course will cover the foundations of African American psychology, African philosophy, Africentric psychology, intrapersonal and interpersonal topics such as family and community, peers and friends, racial identity, and select social issues among African Americans such as physical and mental health, education, racism, and employment. Same course as [AFAM 3343](#).

Credit hours: 3 Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Members tabled continuation of the S and D designations pending clarification on the syllabus of the S and D content, identified in a detailed course schedule on the syllabus. Members also were not able to find a page requirement for the writing assignment(s) or evidence of the required instructor feedback on writing assignments to be incorporated in subsequent writing assignments.

Council will review revisions.

**PSYC 3443** - Abnormal Psychology, requests continuation of the S designation, effective Spring 2022.

**Prerequisites:** [PSYC 1113](#).

**Description:** This course will survey the field of abnormal psychology. We will examine the major psychological disorders, their causes, and how they are treated. The primary focus will be on the description of adult disorders and theories of etiology/treatment

Credit hours: 3 Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Members approved continuation of the S designation, effective Spring 2022.

**PSYC 4123** - Psychology of Women, requests continuation of the S and D designations, effective Spring 2022.

**Prerequisites:** [PSYC 1113](#).

**Description:** This course examines the biological, psychological, and sociocultural factors influencing behavior, cognition, and affect in the lives of women.

Credit hours: 3 Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Members tabled continuation of the S and D designations pending receipt of a syllabus inclusive of a minimum of a 10-page writing requirement for each student, more specifics on the writing assignments, and evidence that students receive feedback on writing assignments to be included on subsequent writing.

Council will review revisions.

**PSYC 4213** - Conflict Resolution, requests continuation of the S designation, effective Spring 2022.

**Prerequisites:** [PSYC 1113](#).

**Description:** Interpersonal conflict studied from psychological perspectives. Types and uses of conflict, and conditions for constructive dispute settlement.

Credit hours: 3 Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Members approved the S designation pending clarification that students receive feedback on writing assignments to be incorporated in subsequent writing assignments.

Chair will review revisions.

**PSYC 4343** - Language Development, requests continuation of the S designation, effective Spring 2022.

**Prerequisites:** [PSYC 1113](#) or consent of instructor.

**Description:** Current theory and research on the development of language throughout the lifespan. The nature of language, first language acquisition, second and third language acquisition, brain and language, language processing, social aspects of language, gender differences in language use and language processing, language use by older adults, language use directed at older adults, language disorders, and language use in special populations.

Credit hours: 3 Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Members approved pending receipt of a syllabus with clarifying the S content of the course, explaining how the course meets the S requirements through student outcomes.

Chair will review revisions.

**PSYC 4483** - Psychology of Parent Behavior, requests continuation of the S designation, effective Spring 2022.

**Prerequisites:** [PSYC 1113](#).

**Description:** Historical and contemporary conceptions of parent-child relationship and approaches to communication and discipline; special problems in parenting.

Credit hours: 3 Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Members approved continuation of the S designation, effective Spring 2022.

**SCFD 2331** - Cineculture: International Issues, requests continuation of the S designation, effective Spring 2022. (Course carries the S and I designations and the I was approved on March 25, 2022.)

**Description:** Using documentary film, examines international issues relating to broader topics of race/ethnicity, gender, class, sexuality, (dis)ability, etc., through scholarship from the field of social foundations of education (history, philosophy, sociology, and anthropology). Credit hours: 1 Contact hours: Lecture: 1 Contact: 1  
Members approved continuation of the S designation, effective Spring 2022.

**SPCH 2713** - Introduction to Speech Communication, requests continuation of the S designation, effective Spring 2022.

**Description:** The practical and theoretical examination of the process of human communication involving a variety of contexts, including interpersonal relationships, small group discussions, and public speaking performances.

Credit hours: 3 Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Members tabled continuation of the S designation pending clarification on the syllabus of writing assignment(s) of a minimum of five pages and explanation of how the course meets the requirement of the S designation.

What are students expected to learn regarding social and behavioral sciences?

- Courses designated "S" propose theoretical constructs based on empirical observation (including quantitative or qualitative methods) to explain human behavior and society in social and/or physical environments.

Council will review revisions.

**SPCH 3733** - Elements of Persuasion, requests continuation of the S designation, effective Spring 2022.

**Description:** An examination of current theory and research relevant to the process of persuasion and social influence in interpersonal, small group, mass media, and public settings. Includes a discussion of the practical implications of effective and ineffective persuasive strategies.

Credit hours: 3 Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Members approved the S designation pending clarification on the syllabus of the writing requirement of 10 or more pages with the opportunity for students to receive feedback on writing assignments to be incorporated in subsequent writing.

Chair will review revisions.

**SPCH 4753** - Intercultural Communication, requests continuation of the I designation, effective Spring 2022.

**Description:** Social and cultural differences between individuals from diverse backgrounds as possible barriers to effective communication.

Credit hours: 3 Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Members approved the I designation pending receipt of a syllabus inclusive of feedback on writing assignments to be incorporated into subsequent writing.

Chair will review revisions.

**SPCH 4793** - Nonverbal Communication, requests continuation of the S designation, effective Spring 2022.

**Description:** The study of current theory and research relevant to nonverbal behavior in interpersonal and professional relationships. Includes an examination of various nonverbal codes (e.g., body language, facial expressions) and the functions of nonverbal behavior (e.g., emotional expression, deception).

Credit hours: 3 Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Members tabled continuation of the S designation pending clarification on the syllabus of the required 10 pages of writing, including a 4-page paper. There also should be clarification that the opportunity for students to receive feedback on writing assignments to be incorporated in subsequent writing. It is also not clear from the syllabus that the course meets the requirements for the social and behavioral sciences and empirical observation, and this should be more explicitly explained.

Council will review revisions.

**General Education Designations – Approved Pending  
(Information only items)**

**GEOG 3763** – Africa, requests continuation of the S and I designations, effective Fall 2021.

(Cross-listing GLST 3763)

**Description:** An exploration of the patterns and impact of population, cultural heritage, and natural resources to build an understanding and experience with Africa. Historic and contemporary relationships between Africa and Western civilization. Key themes include traditions and lifeways, development and change, government and conflict, and people and environment. Same course as [GLST 3763](#).

11/19/21 - Members tabled continuation of the S and I designation pending receipt of a syllabus inclusive of more descriptive information on content regarding the 50% or more international present times for the I designation and descriptive of how the course content includes the empirical observation. Class schedule should include a detailed descriptive of the breakdown for both designations and to reflect how the course content meets the requirements. Goes back to Council.

2/1/22 – Received revised syllabus.

3/11/22 - Members approved continuation of the S and I designations pending clarification on the syllabus of the writing requirements and how the paper relates to the S and I designations.

Chair will make the final decision.

3/24/22 – Chair approved continuation of the S and I designations, effective Spring 2022.

**HONR 1000** – Science and Human Imagination, requests the H designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2022.

Members approved the H designation pending receipt of a syllabus detailing the class readings, what student are expected to learn from those readings and how this content relates to the requirements for the H designation.

Chair will make the final decision.

4/5/22 – Chair approved the H designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2022.

**NSCI 3543** - Food and the Human Environment, requests continuation of the S and I designations, effective Spring 2021.

**Description:** Impact of the various factors that affect food availability, production, processing, distribution and consumption of food in the world. International cultures and foods. Challenges of and solutions to the world food crisis. Previously offered as FNIA 3543.

3/11/22 - Members approved continuation of the S and I designations pending clarification of the present-day content for the I designation.

Chair will make the final decision.

3/22/22 - Chair approved continuation of the S and I designations, effective Spring 2022.

**PHIL 3873** – Feminist Philosophy, requests the D designation, effective Fall 2022.

Course presently carries the H designation.

Feminist philosophy introduces students to various concepts, insights and methodological tools within feminist philosophy. Issues include: what 'feminist philosophy' is, concepts such as intersectionality, power, privilege, and oppression, and how they can be identified in practice. Relationships between feminism and other in -group/out-group binary concerns will also be explored.

3/11/22 - Members approved the D designation pending clarification in the syllabus of a minimum of 10 pages of writing with feedback to be incorporated in subsequent writing assignments and more clarification on how the course meets the requirements for the D designation.

- Courses designated “D” prepare students for engaged citizenship in the diverse, multicultural society of the United States.

Chair will make the final decision.

4/13/22 – Received revised syllabus.

3/22/22 - Chair approved the D designation, effective Spring 2022.

**UNIV 3110** – Perspectives in International Leadership: President’s Leadership Council, requests the I designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2022.

**Prerequisites:** Written application approved by instructor, the department head, and the dean of the student’s college.

**Description:** Independent study, research, field work or internship. Some sections will be graded on a pass-fail basis. Offered for variable credit, 1-18 credit hours, maximum of 18 credit hours.

3/11/22 - Members approved the I designation, pending clarification that the course meets the writing requirements of 10 or more pages of writing.

4/15/22 – Chair approved the I designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2022.

3. **Other**  
**General Education Five-Year Review of the S, SD, SI, and I**  
**Correction of Minutes 2/18/22:**

**AECL 4800 - International Study Tour in Agricultural Education, Communications and Leadership, requests continuation of the I designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2022.**

**(Permanent zero-ending course)**

**Prerequisites: Consent of instructor.**

**Description: An experiential learning course featuring an international travel component. Provides an integrated approach to studying the agriculture, communication, education, natural resources, culture, history, government, economy, and religion of a particular region. Special emphasis placed up on formal and informal educational programs and/or communications focusing on agriculture and natural resources. Previously offered as AGED 4803.**

**Members approved continuation of the I designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2022.**